

## SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

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Short Title: Revise laws relating to reports of alleged abuse at MT Development Center.

Sponsor: Sen. A. Wittich

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Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

I believe the Fiscal Note on SB 43 dated January 25, 2013 is flawed. This fiscal note assumes that additional costs will be occurred by a different state agency investigating allegations of mistreatment, abuse and neglect at MDC once those functions are transferred to the Department of Justice.

As written, the only changes to the state budget should be in transferring funds from the Department of Public Health and Human Services to the Department of Justice.

If anything, this fiscal note is an implied admission of inadequate investigations of mistreatment, abuse and neglect at the Montana Developmental Center. Hence the heightened need for the bill.

There should be zero fiscal impact.

Sincerely,

Art Wittich

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?

Sponsor Signature: Art Wittich

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